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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

MARCH 17, 2009

On June 17, 2008, the Board authorized the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (Commission) to apply to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for designation of the unincorporated Florence-Firestone and Willowbrook areas as a State Enterprise Zone. At that time, the Commission noted that if a partnership with the City of Los Angeles was deemed advantageous, the Commission would form a County of Los Angeles/City of Los Angeles partnership for the Enterprise Zone application. This partnership has since been implemented.

Since the June 2008 Board decision, the Commission was contacted by the City of Huntington Park, which wished to join the Enterprise Zone application process. The County of Los Angeles and cities of Los Angeles and Huntington Park have a history of partnering in the past, as evidenced by the successful application for the now-expired Mid-Alameda Corridor State Enterprise Zone. As there are only four Enterprise Zone designations available statewide for this application round and such a partnership has successfully worked well in the past, the addition of City of Huntington Park to the Enterprise Zone application is advantageous to all parties.

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Businesses located within a State Enterprise Zone are eligible for substantial tax credits and benefits for hiring qualified employees and making qualified machinery purchases, as well as other benefits. An Enterprise Zone designation is both valuable and needed in these trying economic times.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Find that authorizing the Community Development Commission to partner with the City of Huntington Park for the 2008/2009 State Enterprise Zone designation process is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, because the proposed activity will not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.
2. Authorize the Community Development Commission to partner with the City of Huntington Park for the 2008/2009 State Enterprise Zone designation process.
3. Adopt and instruct the Chair to sign, upon presentation, a Resolution that will support an Enterprise Zone application to the State Department of Housing and Community Development, which will designate unincorporated Florence-Firestone and/or Willowbrook as a State Enterprise Zone, in partnership with the Cities of Los Angeles and Huntington Park.

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